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Celebrating 100 Special Places

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Please join me in celebrating a true milestone: The Trustees' 100th reservation, Cormier Woods. With the opening of this former farm in Uxbridge on October 18, The Trustees now own and care for 24,060 acres – and we have preserved an additional 35,248 acres through partnerships in the public and private sectors. We imagine that The Trustees' founder, Charles Eliot, would be proud.

This special issue of our magazine is a tribute to both Eliot's vision and to the people who have dedicated themselves to making it a reality since 1891. From cherished family estates to beloved community landmarks, from natural wonders to national treasures, The Trustees' 100 reservations are as varied as

the people who took action to save them. They are our swimming holes, our childhood haunts, our daily retreats, our favorite vistas, our connection to the past, our way to give back – and our gift to the future. They are as treasured today as when we first opened each of them for the public to enjoy, and arguably more important to the health and well-being of our communities than ever before.

But, our reservations are not ends in themselves: They are a means of inspiring passion in people for the larger landscape around them. That's why our 100th reservation celebration will take place not only at Cormier Woods, but at 18 other special places across the state throughout the month of October. Whether #4 (Monument Mountain) or #87 (Weir River Farm), our reservations are a testament to the passion, generosity, and courage of people who, for more than 117 years, have spoken up for places that cannot speak for themselves. Just a few of their stories are told in this issue. We hope they inspire you to protect the places you love.

A single passionate person can be a powerful force against over-development, environmental destruction, and urban disinvestment. Imagine what 100,000 people like you can do.

The enclosed poster is our gift to you to commemorate all 100 Trustees reservations. It's also your guide to our 19 celebrations across the state. We hope you'll get out this fall to celebrate those places that are most special to you with your friends and neighbors.

Andy Kendall
PRESIDENT

ON THE COVER:

Rocky Narrows – NO. 1

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We are more than 100,000 people like you from every corner of Massachusetts. We love the outdoors. We love the distinctive charms of New England. And we believe in celebrating and protecting them – for ourselves, for our children, and for generations to come. With nearly one hundred special places across the state, we invite you to find your place.

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DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER – NO. 66

ACQUISITION HISTORY

Original acreage a gift of Louise I. Doyle in 1981. Additional land purchased in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1999, and 2001. Bequest of 103 acres in 2007.

By the time Louise Doyle died last year at age 95, she'd traveled the world, skillfully invested her inheritance, and given away millions of dollars to support the arts, education, and the environment. She had also made it possible for The Trustees of Reservations to do something bold and grand with the reservation in Leominster that bears her name.

TODAY, THE DOYLE RESERVATION IS A hub of activity. The Trustees are reaching out to new partners and audiences and, in the process, are challenging some of the environmental movement's most ingrained assumptions about the connection between community and conservation. From foresters to social justice activists, people of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities, and interests are finding common ground at Doyle.

It's an outcome that's been 30 years in the making, and one that few would have envisioned in 1981 when Louise Doyle first donated four acres and a house, in which The Trustees set up their first Central Region office. In 1991, an additional 20 acres were added, including a reproduction saltbox house, part of the present-day Doyle campus. Over the next 17 years, more parcels were added, including Pierce Park in 1999.

Twenty years after Miss Doyle's initial donation of land, the reservation would be transformed. Thanks to a \$5 million gift from an anonymous donor, The Trustees found themselves with a unique opportunity: to create, from the ground up, a 14,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art "green" building, one of the first in Massachusetts. The Doyle Conservation Center would not only house the organization's growing conservation, ecology, and planning staff, but also serve as a central commons for the conservation community. Through a new program,

the Putnam Conservation Institute, The Trustees partnered with conservation nonprofits, agencies, and municipal boards to provide training and connections for their staff and volunteers.

When the Doyle Conservation Center opened in the summer of 2004, Trustees members, partners, and the public alike were fascinated by the structure. Resembling a cross between a rustic barn and an oceanfront home, the gold-rated, LEED-certified building integrates "green" technology and sustainable materials into every system, from the photovoltaic panels on the roof to geothermal wells below the ground, and deftly blends the lines between indoors and out. With offices, meeting rooms, and a conference hall that holds 135 people, the end result is a beautiful – and functional – environment in which to work and exchange ideas.

As word spread about the Center, its meeting space was quickly filled not only by The Trustees' traditional partners, but by a range of local organizations drawn by the building's novelty, ambience, and ideal location on the border of Leominster and Fitchburg. And that's

how the next transformation of the Doyle Reservation began to percolate.

The Leominster Disabilities Commission, Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Cleghorn Community Center, North Central Minority Coalition, and the Department of Social Services are among the groups that held meetings at Doyle just within the last year. And, while visitors didn't come to Doyle specifically to learn about conservation and sustainability, many of them left with a new perspective about both. "Every place you look, the walls, cork

LEFT: The Doyle Conservation Center is green inside and out, with a thoughtful design that mingles with the landscape.

RIGHT: From ceilings to walls to floors, the Doyle Center interior conveys a gentle message of sustainability.





floors, windows, restrooms: we're all learning from it, every time we walk in," says Melissa Maranda, director of gift planning for the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts. "It really enlightens people's awareness in a low-key, backdoor, kind of soft way."

It wasn't just the visitors who were enlightened. "As we attracted more and different kinds of organizations," says Andrea Freeman, director of The Trustees' Putnam Conservation Institute, "we began to recognize that The Trustees had a broader role to play, right here in these communities."

That idea took root when The Trustees were invited by the Center for Democracy & Humanity at Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) to co-sponsor and host the "What's Next? Speaker Series" at the Doyle Conservation Center. The lunchtime series has drawn people from throughout North-Central Massachusetts for sessions that explore issues of economic develop-

ment, poverty, housing, social change, and more.

"These topics are inextricably linked to land conservation," says Freeman. "It really goes back to Trustees founder Charles Eliot's belief that people and places are connected and that everyone, whether they live in a suburb or a city, wants and deserves access to beautiful natural areas. That's at the core of healthy communities."

Today, the Doyle Reservation is continuing its transformation. When Louise Doyle passed away in 2007, she left The Trustees her gracious home and surrounding land, including a small orchard, grasslands, woodlands, gardens with magnificent trees, and a pond arched by a bridge resembling Monet's bridge at Giverny. She also helped The Trustees' purchase the neighboring Julie Country Day School and provided a generous endowment to care for the now 167-acre reservation.

Her extraordinary gift has given The

Trustees an opportunity to develop a grander vision for the Doyle Reservation. This past summer, The Trustees kicked off a planning process for the property. Two community visioning sessions drew 80 people from throughout the region – longtime residents, senior staff from MWCC and Fitchburg State College, business owners, city employees, community leaders, the Leominster Schools superintendent, and even the Unitarian Church minister – to discuss how the Doyle Reservation could best meet the needs of the community.

Participants were especially energized by the potential for new avenues for education, says David Croll, Trustees board member and chair of the steering committee for the Doyle master plan. "Today, we're looking at the reservation as a model for doing things more broadly, to engage the most number of people. What excites me most are the educational possibilities," he says. "Our academic partners were really gung-ho. We didn't

have to convince them – they were convincing us. The programs we do here will benefit both them and their students – and The Trustees.”

The Trustees are moving forward by entering into a lease-to-purchase agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts for the Julie Country Day School, to serve as the Club’s new headquarters. The Trustees are also collaborating with The Partnership for Latino Success, a program of the President’s Office at Mount Wachusett Community College. While The Trustees provide free meeting space at the Doyle Conservation Center for programs, the partnership helps the organization recruit Latino staff, volunteers, and members, and provides coaching for Putnam Conservation Institute staff on how to work with diverse communities.

The Latino community can be a major resource for The Trustees, says Sayra Pinto-Wilson, executive director of The Partnership for Latino Success and a new member of The Trustees Advisory Committee. But she notes that it will require a change in perspective for all involved.

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– PUTNAM CONSERVATION INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ANDREA FREEMAN

The Latino community has endured a history of displacement throughout the Caribbean and Central America. As a result, Pinto-Wilson explains, there’s been a loss of connection to place. The Trustees interest in “re-connecting” people to land can have a profound impact. But, Pinto-Wilson cautions, “this emerging community doesn’t always feel included in the traditionally white, middle- and upper-class conservation movement.”

Even something as seemingly simple as translating trail signs into Spanish would go a long way toward welcoming the Latino community, Pinto-Wilson emphasizes. “It’s a message that says: ‘We see you.’”

Through the Doyle visioning sessions and new partnerships, The Trustees are aiming to do just that – work within the community to spread the message that protecting land is a vital, positive, and inclusive effort that unites people around the places they care about. It’s an evolution that can become a revolution, a bold new approach to working in cities and towns across Massachusetts that’s as pioneering as the Doyle Conservation Center itself.

This article was written by Vice President for Education & Outreach Melanie Ingalls and Communications Director Laurie O’Reilly. Mary Jo Hill, a former reporter for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, contributed original reporting.

TOP: On the newest part of the Doyle Reservation, a wooden bridge provides the perfect spot to take in Doyle’s picturesque fields and woodlands. BELOW: The Doyle Conservation Center has become a valuable meeting center for local and regional agencies and organizations, beyond our traditional conservation partners. Trustees staff gathered to honor Louis Doyle (seated, center) on her 95th birthday in 2007.



World's End

The Cause that Rallied the South Shore By John Budris

FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, THE RICH, famous, and powerful had big plans for World's End, the hourglass-shaped peninsula washed by Hingham Harbor on the west and the Weir River on the east. In the late nineteenth century, the owner had Frederick Law Olmsted draw up plans for a residential community. In the 1940s, it was proposed as the headquarters site for the fledgling United Nations. A generation later, speculation centered on a nuclear power plant.

Finally, in 1967, the people of Hingham and surrounding towns rallied

to save what had become one of the most threatened landscapes on the Massachusetts coast – an achievement that would have been impossible without commitment, dedication, and passion from the entire South Shore community.

Today's World's End, with its tree-lined paths, broad, grassy fields, salt marshes, and dramatic views, had its genesis with a gentleman farmer named John Brewer. In 1856, Brewer built a mansion on Cushing's Neck just south of the entrance to the peninsula. Over the next 30 years, he bought up most of

the 250-acre expanse of glacial drumlins and undulating shore land that would become the reservation.

But Brewer may have had even grander ideas. In 1889, he hired renowned landscape architect Olmsted to design a 163-home subdivision, complete with the winding cart paths that grace the reservation today. The housing proposal never progressed, however, and the land remained with Brewer's heirs. But by the mid-1960s, aging owners William H. C. Walker and his wife (Brewer's granddaughter) felt they could no longer

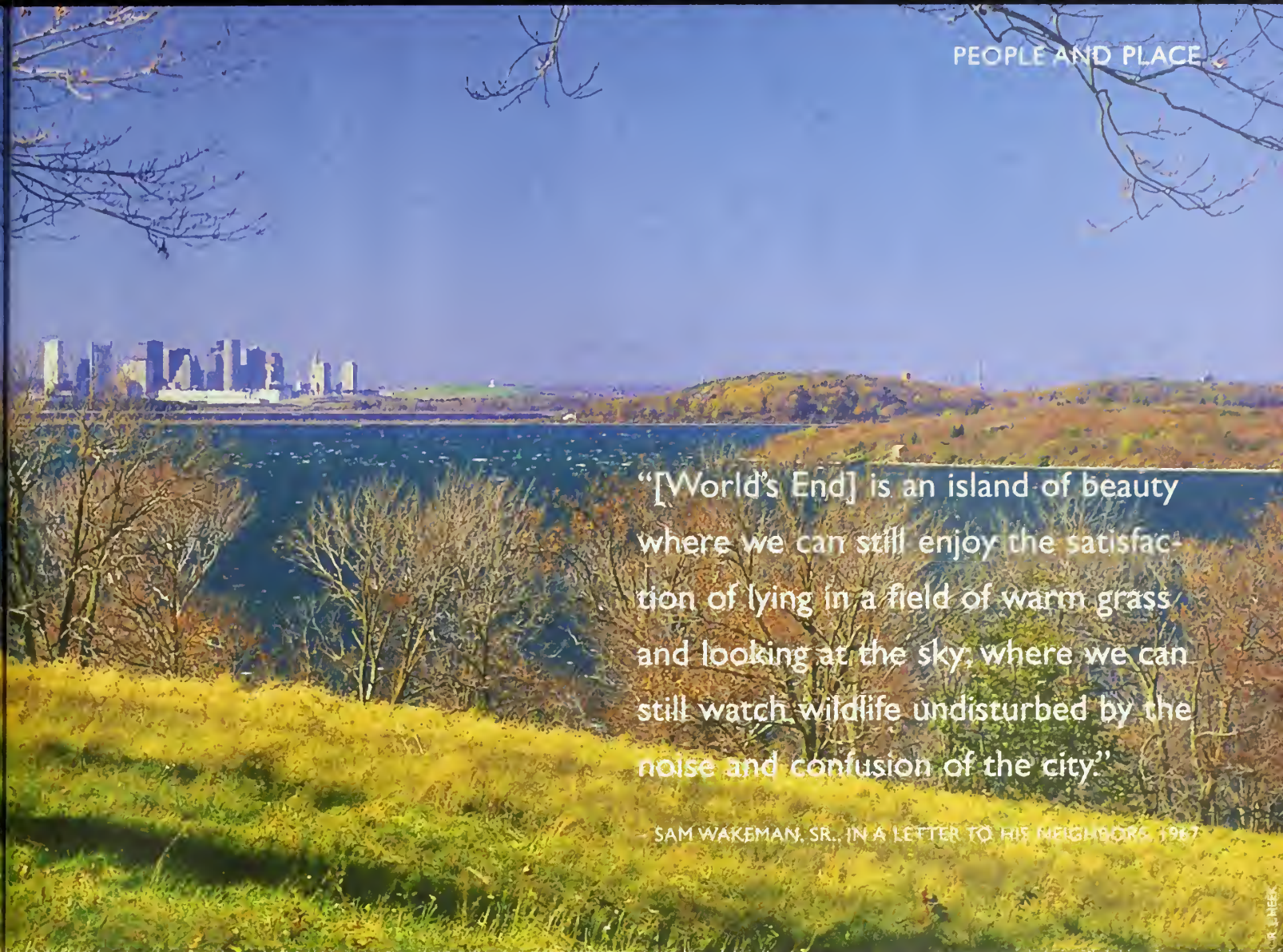
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WORLD'S END, HINGHAM – NO. 46

ACQUISITION HISTORY

Purchased in 1967. Endowment given by the Jessie B Cox Charitable Trust in 1983. Additional endowment given by bequest of Dorothy Abbe in 1999.



“[World’s End] is an island of beauty where we can still enjoy the satisfaction of lying in a field of warm grass and looking at the sky; where we can still watch wildlife undisturbed by the noise and confusion of the city.”

SAM WAKEMAN, SR., IN A LETTER TO HIS NEIGHBORS, 1967

manage such a substantial property, and decided to put it up for sale. Still, they hoped their beloved landscape could be protected from development.

Friends and neighbors were worried about development, too. For years, the Walker family had informally welcomed visitors to the estate for family picnics, evening strolls, fishing outings, and refreshing swims on hot summer days. The family even displayed a sign up at the entrance that advised visitors to “Leave only your footprints. Take only your memories.” No one wanted to see this beautiful stretch of land one day surrounded by “No Trespassing” signs.

While the effort to save this treasured coastscape started out as an informal

group of friends and neighbors, it would soon grow into a communities-wide effort, with The Trustees of Reservations as their ally. The Trustees were known in the community as owners of the nearby 800-acre Whitney and Thayer Woods, and former Trustees President Charles “Monk” Mason, Jr., had grown up next door to the Walkers.

And the communities succeeded, one letter, one phone call, one dollar at a time, recalls Sam Wakeman, Jr., whose late father spearheaded the fundraising and organizing effort. “My dad brought together people from the whole South Shore, not just Hingham,” says Wakeman. “He was able to really make clear the value and vital interests that all of us and The

Trustees shared in protecting World’s End.”

One of those he convinced was friend and Hingham neighbor Tom O’Donnell, who, with his family, was among the many “benevolent trespassers” who enjoyed walks on the estate.

“We had about three months in the fall of 1967 to raise a couple hundred thousand dollars,” O’Donnell recalls, noting that both the Walker family and The Trustees were facing end-of-year tax, estate, and other financial deadlines. “We’d run little get-togethers in living rooms, in kitchens over coffee. In the end, I believe, more than 1,800 individuals from many towns made contributions and pledges, and we got it done – on New Year’s Eve.”



In his original letter to the community, Sam Wakeman, Sr., eloquently described World's End as "an island of beauty where we can still enjoy the satisfaction of lying in a field of warm grass and looking at the sky; where we can still watch wildlife undisturbed by the noise and confusion of the city."

Linda White, whose house across the harbor offers a grand view of World's End, was stirred by his words – and was among the first to write a check. "My husband and I donated \$75 – a lot for us in those days considering our house cost \$21,000," she laughs. Literally and figuratively, she's had her sights on World's End for more than four decades. "I always told myself I would make my second career working outdoors here," she says.

In 2004, she did just that, becoming a weekend ranger at the reservation. From there, she watches thousands of visitors do exactly what she and her children did – walk, ride horses, take a jog, cross-country ski, wet a line. "To see that continuity of activity here is so comforting," she says. "Coming here is like a time machine."

Every June at the annual Summer Solstice celebration, The Trustees say thank you to the South Shore communities for saving this special place. Gathering together to watch the sun set from World's End on the longest day of the year is now a three-decades-old tradition shared across generations and town lines. This past June, hundreds of families, picnic baskets in tow, flocked to Planter's Hill to both salute the solstice and commemorate what was accomplished just over 40 years ago.

Children played hide-and-seek among the trees of Brewer's Grove as parents (and grandparents) chatted with friends and listened to a bluegrass band. They sang, they feasted, danced, and laughed, just as Sam Wakeman, Sr., had imagined. Just as they always had.

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TOP: Linda White; 2008 Summer Solstice Celebration. BELOW: Tom O'Donnell

Little Tom Mountain

Four Partners, One Vision By Katharine Wroth

AT FIRST BLUSH, THE FORMER MILL CITY OF HOLYOKE seems an unlikely base for The Trustees of Reservations in the Pioneer Valley; the organization has traditionally been associated with peaceful woods and well-manicured estates. But today The Trustees are active members of this struggling community, where they work to introduce local youth to the natural surroundings located just a few miles from their front doors, and reach out to rural communities to help them preserve their character.

This work all began thanks to an unusual partnership with federal and state land agencies and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, all of which united in 2002 to protect land on nearby Mount Tom. The resulting project has offered hope

to Holyoke residents – and a valuable land-protection model to build upon statewide.

Ten years ago, the downhill ski area at Mount Tom closed, and the future of a ruggedly beautiful ridgeline overlooking the Connecticut River was suddenly at risk. Plans to expand a quarrying operation adjacent to the site aroused community ire, and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) looked into purchasing the nearly 400 acres jeopardized by development. DCR already managed a 2,200-acre reservation on the Mount Tom Range and protected a trove of biodiversity there (it's home to old-growth forest, rare plants, more than 120 species of birds, and a full three-quarters of the state's native species of reptiles

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LITTLE TOM MOUNTAIN, HOLYOKE – NO. 93

ACQUISITION HISTORY

Purchased from Mt. Tom Ski, Inc., owners of the former Mt. Tom Ski Area, in 2002 as part of a 396-acre acquisition involving federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

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and amphibians). But DCR could not afford the additional acres, so it reached out to possible partners.

Each partner had its own reasons for coming to the table: the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) was eager to ensure the protection of threatened species; the Boys & Girls Club hoped to use the base buildings for a summer camp; and The Trustees were working to build a stronger presence in the Pioneer Valley, where sprawl is a growing threat, by exploring opportunities from farmland preservation to urban outreach.

Together, the four groups invested \$3 million in the property, with each buying and managing its own parcel. The Trustees' named their 73 acres Little Tom Mountain. "None of us would have been able to find the resources for this alone," says Trustees Pioneer Valley Regional Director Jocelyn Forbush.

The groups quickly discovered that their interests overlapped in other ways. Two years after the purchase, The Trustees moved their regional office to a storefront in downtown Holyoke and began working closely with the Boys & Girls Club. Together, they are showing the city's children – some 40 percent of whom live in poverty – a part of their world they never knew existed, even though it's just outside of town. Since 2004, explorations both in the city and at Little Tom Mountain have engaged hundreds of kids.

This work in urban Holyoke, where the population is 40 percent Latino, reflects The Trustees' drive to reach new, more diverse audiences. "So many people in this community, especially children,


don't have the love, or even the understanding, of the outdoors," says Nancy Budd, acting executive director for the Boys & Girls Club. "So this connection, working side by side with The Trustees, allows our own staff as well as the children to have firsthand experiences here. I just love to see the excitement in the children's eyes."

Mary Alice Wilson, a long-time resident of the Pioneer Valley and a volunteer on The Trustees' Advisory Committee, agrees. She recalls spending a day with a group from the Boys & Girls Club working to eradicate honeysuckle and Japanese barberry at Little Tom Mountain. "It was a super morning. They worked so hard! Their energy level, their enthusiasm – and their interest in returning. It was just marvelous."

Of course, achieving this successful partnership wasn't always a walk in the park. "There have been some significant bumps in the road," admits Forbush, including keeping things on track when staff change at a partner organization. Another of the original players, Beth Goettel of USFWS, compares such partnerships to marriage: "It takes work. It gets better the more you put into it."

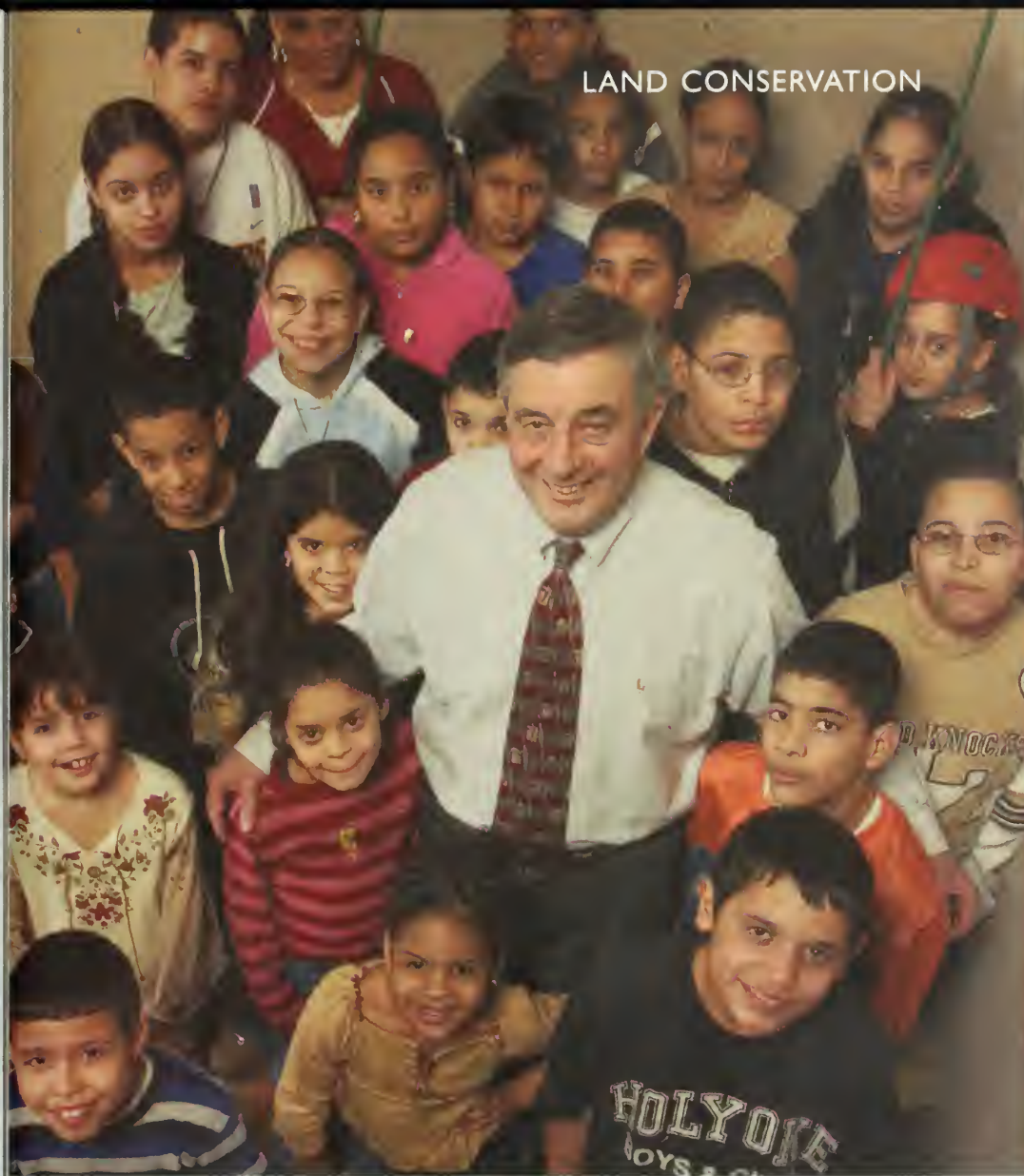
Despite the occasional hitch, those involved in the deal see it as a model for future agreements. "This was without question one of the best partnership projects I've been involved in," says Terry Blunt, the former DCR land agent who spearheaded the deal. "Everyone pulled their weight, and everyone came to the table with conviction."

The keys to such a partnership's success, those involved say,



Mount Tom was a popular ski area for decades before closing in 1998. Many residents share fond memories of first learning how to ski there.

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Boys & Girls Club of Great Holyoke executive director, Bruce Thompson, shown here surrounded by the children he cared so much about, was instrumental in making sure Club members would have their place at Little Tom Mountain. Thompson passed away in June at age 60. Students and colleagues remember him as a dedicated and passionate advocate, mentor, and friend.

include capturing the original vision, ideally with a management plan; respecting the priorities of each partner; following through on promises; and sharing credit.

Another key to success is community involvement. While the Holyoke education programs are going strong, it will be a few more years before the general public can visit Little Tom Mountain; it won't officially open until 2012, when quarrying operations wrap up per the terms of the sale. In the meantime, the partners have been working with local volunteers to map the forest, grassland, and marshes; mark trails; and make plans for the future. "We are so looking forward to opening our camp at Little Tom," says Budd. "It's heartening to have such a treasure in our own backyard."

Says Wilson, "I feel that Little Tom is like something beautiful hovering, just waiting to take off. It holds promise for the whole community."

For that matter, it holds promise for the entire state.

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Ward Reservation

John Kimball, grandson of Charles and Mabel Ward, admires the view from the Solstice Stones.

A Family's Gift to the Future by Jane Roy Brown

JOHN KIMBALL AND HIS WIFE MARGARET LIVE IN THE 1714 farmhouse in Andover where, as a boy, he spent summers with his grandmother, Mabel Ward. Except for some twentieth-century amenities, such as central heating, the house has changed little – which means that Kimball, who is six feet tall, still tangles with eighteenth-century doorframes. “I bump my head about once a week,” he says, chuckling.

But when he looks out on the 700 acres of woods and fields of the Ward Reservation, he is reminded of why he doesn't mind. “I started coming to the farm in 1936, when I was five, to spend time with my grandmother,” recalls Kimball, a retired biology professor. “I played outdoors, and, when I got older, I helped do lawn chores and mark out trails.”

The reservation, straddling Andover and North Andover, represents a significant slice of the region's open space, which is becoming increasingly suburbanized. Just a half hour from Boston, Ward is an oasis of pasturelands and woodlands, dotted with stone walls that, when combined, measure 17 miles long. Holt Hill, Essex County's highest point, draws visitors to watch the Fourth of July fireworks explode over the Boston skyline. And the unique Solstice Stones – which Mabel Ward assembled to mark the cardinal directions, the solstices, and equinoxes –

are popular for family picnics or as a simple resting spot on a hike along the reservation's nearly 13 miles of trails.

The origins of Ward Reservation date back to 1917, when the land was the summer home of Charles and Mabel Ward. When Charles died, in 1933, his will requested that the land eventually be given to a “deserving organization . . . working for the benefit of young people.” His widow chose The Trustees as the organization best suited to carry out his wishes. After donating 107 acres in his memory, Mabel became an active volunteer with The Trustees. She believed so strongly in the organization's mission that she helped persuade longtime family friend and renowned Boston physician, amateur botanist, and avid outdoorsman Dr. Joel Goldthwait to donate 300 acres in Medfield. Goldthwait's generous gift of land would become The Trustees' 20th reservation, Rocky Woods, in 1942, only two years after Mrs. Ward donated her first acres. By the time of her death in 1956, Mrs. Ward had donated an additional 169 acres to the reservation, leaving the buildings and surrounding land to her grandson, John Kimball.

Kimball, now 77, has followed his grandmothers' lead, adding more than 400 acres to the reservation. It's not just about acres, though. Since he began keeping records 35 years ago, he has “donated” an annual 550 hours of hard labor – “chopping,

A statewide celebration!

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Join the celebration of our 100 reservations at a special place near you. Because it's not just about #100, Cormier Woods. It's about all the places that generations of conservationists — people just like you — have helped us protect since 1891. These places are our gift — to each other, to our children, to the future.



GREATER BOSTON

100th Reservation Opening!

CORMIER WOODS, UXBRIDGE — NO. 100

Saturday, October 18 | 1 – 3PM | 781.784.0567

Be among the first to walk the new woodland trails, learn about the native grasslands and rich cultural history of this iconic farm, and enjoy free ice cream to the sounds of local folk band, Blackstone Run. **FREE.**

Cherry Hill Farm Day at the Bradley Estate

BRADLEY ESTATE, CANTON — NO. 74

Sunday, October 19 | 1 – 4PM | 781.784.0567

Cherry Hill Farm was the Bradley family's name for their lovely estate. Today its elegant home, kitchen garden, pastures, and woodlands transport you to a more gracious era. We'll celebrate with an afternoon of fun, family activities (joined by several barnyard friends), refreshments for all, plus pumpkins for the kids. **FREE.**

Dancing with the Pigs: Powisset Contra Dance

POWISSET FARM, DOVER — NO. 99

Saturday, October 11 | 2 – 5PM | 508.785.0339

Move to the irresistible beat of White Squall and caller Linda Leslie — and celebrate Miss Amelia Peabody, her generous gift of Noanet Woods, and the partnership that protected Powisset Farm for future generations. **FREE.**

Over the Bridges and Through the Years

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, WALPOLE — NO. 94

Saturday, October 25 | 4 – 5PM | 781.784.0567

(NOTE: THE ANNUAL PUMPKINS IN THE PARK EVENT STARTS AT 5:30PM)

Charles and Anna Bird created this park as a gift to the community of Walpole in loving memory of their son. Join us for a walking tour of the property, learn about its history, and share your stories of this special place. **FREE.**

Not Your Average Land Trust

THE OLO MANSE, CONCORD — NO. 14

Saturday, October 11 | 1PM & 3PM | 978.369.3909

(NOTE: THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE DURING THE OLD MANSE FALL FESTIVAL) The Old Manse is arguably The Trustees' most important historic site. Join us for a walking landscape tour and discussion about The Trustees' two missions — preserving land and history — and how that duality both distinguishes us and allows us to tell the complete story of place. **FREE.**

THE ISLANDS

Beach "Rescue"

WASQUE RESERVATION, MARTHA'S VINEYARD — NO. 45

Saturday, October 4 | 1 – 3PM | 508.693.7662

Meet community members who helped raise the funds to save Wasque from development in the 1960s. We'll also take an interpretive walk along the Swan Pond trail and through a rare, sand barren habitat. And we'll celebrate the celebration with cake and cider! **FREE.**

Family Frolic

LONG POINT, MARTHA'S VINEYARD — NO. 65

Saturday, October 11 | 508.693.7662

We'll celebrate all the ways Long Point is a perfect place for family fun with kite flying, a sand activities station, a make-a-bluebird-box station, the debut of a new quest, and a Tisbury Pond Club walk. End the day with cake. **FREE.**

SOUTHEAST

Fall Farm Celebration with a Dash of Art

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM — NO. 87

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM – 2PM | 781.740.7233

Weir River Farm inspired artist Polly Thayer Starr, who donated the property. Celebrate her gift at our annual farm celebration, where we'll display the work of local artists depicting this iconic landscape. We'll also have fun, family activities with our whole barnyard animal gang. **Members: \$3. Nonmembers: \$5.**

The Once and Future Farm

WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT

Saturday, October 18 | 1 – 3PM | 508.679.2115

On this walking tour, you'll learn about our plans to restore the farmhouse and revitalize this property, which captures the very essence of community. Share photos, mementos, and memories of the farm. Cake is on us! **FREE.**

NORTHEAST

The Strolling of the Dairy Herd

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON — NO. 82

Saturday, October 18 | 2:30 – 4:30PM | 978.921.1944 x8815

Witness our first-ever cow and calf parade, enjoy hands-on educational dairy activities, take the dairy Quest, and tour the dairy barn during milking time. Then savor local ice cream! **FREE. Member event. Friends welcome. Please pre-register.**

New Trails and Old Tales

LONG HILL, BEVERLY — NO. 64

Saturday, October 18 | 2PM | 978.921.1944 x8815

We'll celebrate the Sedgwick family's gift of Long Hill by unveiling a new trail linking the farm and orchard to the cultivated gardens and Federal-style mansion. You can also join house and garden tours led by Sedgwick family members and Trustees staff, then enjoy refreshments and cake on the veranda. **FREE.**

Harvest and Hospitality

THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE,

NORTH ANDOVER — NO. 38

Saturday, October 4 | 9AM – 4PM | 978.692.3590

Helen Stevens Coolidge's summer home was the setting for wonderful parties, featuring the fruits, vegetables, and flowers from her magnificent gardens. In her honor, we'll harvest the last vegetables from the French Garden, can some green tomatoes, share a picnic, and tour the house and gardens. Visit www.thetrustees.org for a detailed schedule of the day's activities. **FREE.**

Return to an Island

CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE, IPSWICH — NO. 57

Saturday, October 18 | 10AM – 3PM | 978.921.1944 x8815

Celebrate the Crane family's gift of Choate and the six other islands that comprise the refuge. Enjoy a leisurely 3-mile hike past the original 1725 Choate House and across this unique coastscape. Cider and doughnuts await at the hike's end. Shuttle boats run all day (last boat leaves the island at 3PM). Reservations required. **Members: Adult \$10; Child \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$15; Child \$10.**

Croquet at Coolidge

COOLIDGE POINT, MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA — NO. 73

Saturday, October 18 | 11AM – 2PM | 978.921.1944 x8815

Enjoy croquet on the expansive Ocean Lawn, hike to Clarke Pond and Bungalow Hill, or join Coolidge Point's donor as she tells of the glorious summer life that formerly defined the social fabric of the North Shore. Bring a picnic; dessert is on us! **FREE.**

CENTRAL

Picnic in the Pasture

BROOKS WOODLAND PRESERVE, PETERSHAM

(AT BURNS PASTURE OFF QUAKER DRIVE) — NO. 58

Saturday, October 11 | 10AM – 2PM | 978.840.4446

Help us rededicate the John Fiske Memorial Bridge. Bring your blanket, folding chairs, and picnic; we will provide beverages and dessert along with live music. We'll also lead you on a natural and cultural history tour of the area. **FREE.**

PIONEER VALLEY

Bear Swamp at 40

BEAR SWAMP, ASHFIELD — NO. 47

Saturday, October 18 | 10AM – 1PM | 413.532.1631 x13

Over four decades, Bear Swamp has flourished through the generosity and stewardship of many friends and neighbors. We'll mark the day with a hike through the fern-covered forest, then meander up to the Apple Valley overlook for lunch. Bring a picnic and birthday wishes; we'll provide the cake. **FREE.**

Run for the Woods

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON — NO. 86

Sunday, October 26 | 9AM – 12NOON | 413.532.1631 x13

This popular 4-mile trail race and 1.5-mile fun walk draw participants from throughout central and western Massachusetts. This year, we'll also celebrate Dick Elliott's gift of nearly 36 more acres to Peaked Mountain. Join friends and neighbors after the race to share cake and mountain memories. **Race fee: \$15 in advance; \$20 day of the event. Register by September 30 for FREE T-shirt; Walk entry fee: \$5 (Walk only); \$15 (Walk and T-shirt). Please pre-register.**

BERKSHIRES

Earn Your Cake at Tyringham

TYRINGHAM COBBLE, TYRINGHAM — NO. 39

Saturday, October 11 | 8AM – 12NOON | 413.298.3239 x3000

Pitch in at this workday hosted by the Tyringham Cobble Committee and help keep this beloved landmark beautiful. Stay for cake as The Trustees honor the descendants of the "Cobblers," the original property donors. **FREE.**

The Gift of Monument Mountain

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON — NO. 4

Saturday, October 18 | 9AM – 2PM | 413.298.3239 x3000

Enjoy guided hikes, trailside displays, and refreshments at our first Berkshires property. View historic photos as well as new poems and stories the mountain has inspired. Walk our Poetry Trail featuring excerpts from the famous William Cullen Bryant poem, "Monument Mountain." **FREE.**

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SPECIAL PLACES

WARD RESERVATION, NORTH ANDOVER – NO. 15

ACQUISITION HISTORY

Original acreage a gift, with endowment, of Mrs. Charles W. Ward in 1940 in memory of her husband. Additional land given in 1944, 1946, and 1950. Additional land given by Charles L. Ward, Jr., in 1941; Phillips Andover Academy in 1957 and 1973; Mrs. C. Carleton Kimball and Charles L. Ward in 1958; Elizabeth W. Kimball, Charles L. Ward, John W. Kimball, Richard W. Kimball, Margaret K. Montgomery, Charles L. Ward, Jr., and Thomas B. Ward in 1972; and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Swenson in 1977. Other parcels purchased from 1958 to 1978. Additional land given by the North Andover Improvement Society in 1994; Emily Walton Taft in 1995; Mark Conserva in 1997; and Robert E. Webster in 1999. Additional endowment given by members of the Ward family and the Judy family.

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spraying, and mowing,” he laughs – to help take care of the reservation.

Kimball has passed on his commitment to and love of the outdoors to both friends and family. His son Nick, who grew up surrounded by the beauty and tranquility of Ward Reservation, today serves as chair of the property committee at The Trustees’ Ravenswood Park in Gloucester. And, last summer, John and Margaret’s longtime friends, Paul and Mary Ann Judy, contributed an extraordinary gift that doubles the Ward Reservation’s endowment to \$1 million. The Trustees have just completed a detailed management plan for the property and, with the new funds, have hired additional staff to help care for it.

Judy was Kimball’s roommate and track teammate at Harvard, and, in the late 1950s he and his young family spent two summers with the Kimballs in Andover. It was the beginning of a long connection between the two families – and between all of them and the Ward Reservation. “Some of the happiest recollections of our lives have been on this property,” Judy says.

In gratitude for the Judys’ generous gift, Kimball cut a new trail on the reservation last winter, with four spurs extending from the main pathway. He christened it the Judy Family Trail and named the spurs for the Judys’ four children. The trail was dedicated in an informal ceremony this past spring, with Paul, Mary Ann, and their daughter Beth as guests of honor.

Even with the added help from new staff, Kimball still roams the land, where visitors often encounter him “hacking away.” “I love to see people out there tossing Frisbees, or families walking the trails with little kids. They ask me, ‘Do you know where this trail goes?’” Kimball laughs. “Well, I tell them, ‘I sure do.’”

Jane Roy Brown is a writer and Trustees member based in western Massachusetts.

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BERKSHIRES REGION

Thursday, September 18 | 4PM
What's in the Closet?

THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 X3000

Take a peek in Naumkeag's closets and unseen corners with curator Will Garrison and discover hidden treasures left to us by Mabel Choate, who made her home here for 70 years. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$12. Please pre-register.*

Sunday, September 21 | 10 - 11:30AM
**Across the Fields,
Across the Centuries**

ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600

On this guided walk, we'll wander through the fields and learn how land was used in the 18th century. You'll also hear about Mum Bett and how she won her freedom from slavery. Wear long pants and sleeves. *FREE.*

Saturday, September 27; Sunday, October 12
10AM - 12NOON
Hawk Migration

ATOP HURLBURT'S HILL, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239

Experience one of the wonders of the animal kingdom as we watch for migrating hawks from atop Hurlburt's Hill. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child \$1.*

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM - 12NOON
Lichen Walk

COBBLE SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600

Join a guided tour in search of some of the most beautiful and enigmatic Cobble residents: lichens. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass. *Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$8.*

Sunday, October 5 | 10 - 11:30AM
Mission to Mansion Walk

THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 X3000

Enjoy an easy, 1-mile loop walk from the Mission House to Naumkeag's historic dairy barn. Learn Stockbridge's history, from the Mission Era of the 1730s to the Gilded Age - and even the 1950s! *FREE.*

Sundays, October 5, 19, 26; Columbus Day,
October 13 | 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Housatonic Paddle

BARTHOLOMEW S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Paddle the winding Housatonic with a naturalist guide and explore the rich and varied habitats of the river. Look for bald eagles, herons, and kingfishers amid brilliant fall foliage. *Members: Adult \$24; Child (16 and under) \$12. Nonmembers: Adult \$30; Child (16 and under) \$15. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, October 11 | 7PM
Saturday, November 8 | 6PM
Moonlight Hike

BARTHOLOMEW S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Forests and fields look different in the moonlight. Come explore the sights and sounds of nighttime on this guided walk. *Members/Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Family \$10. Please pre-register.*

Columbus Day, October 13 | 10AM - 2PM
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Tale of Tall Trees Fall Foliage Hike

MOLUNNAT RESERVATION, TYRINGHAM
413.298.3239 X3000

Join naturalist Aimee Gelinas and enjoy fall foliage at this remote and beautiful reservation. Please bring lunch. *Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$15. Please pre-register. Heavy rain cancels.*

Sunday, October 26 | 6:30 - 8PM
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

**It's Pumpkin Time
at the Mission House**

THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 X3000

You and your family will be delighted by lit jack o' lanterns displayed throughout the garden. The intricately carved pumpkins appear magically, courtesy of local businesses, artists, and volunteers. *FREE.*

Saturday, November 15 | 9AM - 2PM
**Northwest Connecticut
Waterfowl Census**

BARTHOLOMEW S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Travel with experienced birders to several lakes in northwestern Connecticut to learn about our migratory waterfowl. Dress warmly. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

Tuesdays, October 14 & November 11
6PM

**Reading History: African
American Women in Words**

ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD
413.298.8146

Join us for this new book group that explores the literature of African American women. In October, we'll discuss *Bound For Canaan*, by Fergus Bordewich, and in November, we'll talk about Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. *FREE. Please pre-register by calling the above telephone number or by emailing Bdowling@trr.org*

Saturday, November 29; Friday, December 12
7 – 9PM

Owl Prowl

BARTHOLOMEW COBBLE SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Owls have an amazing ability to hunt swiftly, accurately, and silently in the dead of night. Come learn how they do it! We'll listen to owl calls and try to draw them in. *Members: Individual \$4; Family \$12. Nonmembers: Individual \$6; Family \$15. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, December 22 | 10AM – 12NOON
Hike With Santa

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Santa will take children on a half-mile hike and explain all about nature and the wonders of winter. He'll even hand out small, nature-related presents! *Members/Nonmembers: Adult FREE; Child \$10 (includes price of present). Please pre-register.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteer at the following events:

Saturday, October 11 | 8AM – 12NOON
Annual Tyringham Cobble Work Day
TYRINGHAM COBBLE, TYRINGHAM
413.298.3239 X3000

Join the members of the Tyringham Cobble Committee to help maintain trails and vistas at this beloved community landmark. *FREE.*



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PIONEER VALLEY REGION

Saturday, September 13 | 10AM – 12:30PM
Pioneers of Highland Forest Industries

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION WINDSOR
413.268.8219

Forests once fueled local industry, from charcoal production to glassmaking. Join us for a guided hike to remnants of these activities and hear stories of the region's industrial past. *FREE.*

Sunday, September 14 | 7:30 – 10PM
Harvest Moon Hike

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION WINDSOR
413.684.0148

On this moderate, naturalist-led trek, we'll listen to the sounds of the forest as night settles in and the full moon rises over Sawmill Field. Bring a flashlight. *Members and Windsor residents: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child \$3.*

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM – 1PM
Bryant's Big Trees

WILLIAM CUMLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.269.8219

Walk among ancient giants on the Rivulet Trail with old-growth forest expert Bob Leverett as your guide. *Members: Individual \$4; Family \$12. Nonmembers: Individual \$6; Family \$15. Please pre-register.*

Sunday, September 21 | 10AM – 12NOON
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Dinosaur Discussion and Geology Gab

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS RESERVATION, HOLYOKE 413.532.1632 X11

Explore the life and times of our fossil friends with a dinosaur expert while examining the rocks into which their footprints became embedded. *Rain cancels. Donations welcome. Please pre-register.*

Sunday, September 28 | 10AM – 1PM
Berkshire Hikers Backcountry Trek

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION WINDSOR
413.684.0148

Join naturalist Aimee Gelinas on a rugged, 4-mile backcountry hike on and off the trail. Look for cellar holes and other signs of abandoned homesteads. *Members and Windsor residents: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Sunday, October 12 | 1 – 3:30PM
Notchview History Hike

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

Take a moderate hike into the reservation's past and learn about Col. Arthur Budd's Notch View Farm. Your guide is Bernard Drew, son of Warren Drew, who was Budd's farm manager and Notchview's first superintendent. *FREE.*

Wednesday, October 15 | 7 – 9PM
Forest Conservation Zoning

CHESTERFIELD SENIOR CENTER, CHESTERFIELD
413.268.8219

A groundbreaking approach to zoning aims to protect a town's rural character and the health of its forests. Find out how the town of Shutesbury, MA, is leading the way. *FREE.*

Saturdays, October 25 & November 22
6PM

Stargazing at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

View the stars through the big scopes of members of the Arunah Hill Natural Science Center (www.arunah.org). Dress warmly. Hot chocolate will be served! *FREE.*

Sunday, October 26 | 1 – 3PM
What Belongs Here? Native vs. Invasive Identification Hike

PETITICOTT HILL, WHITEHALL
 413.532.4412

Learn from an expert naturalist how to identify native plants and trees of the Highlands, encourage native flora in your backyard, and help stop the spread of invasive species.

Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: \$5.

Saturday, November 15 | 10AM – 12NOON
Land Conservation Options

CORNINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE
 CORNINGTON 413.918.9211

At this hands-on workshop, you'll discover options for conserving your farmlands or forest for future generations, and how new tax incentives could save you money. *FREE*.

Please pre-register.

Sunday, November 30 | 10AM
5th Annual Gorge Après Gorge

CHESTERFIELD GORGE RESERVATION
 CHESTERFIELD 413.749.8211

The perfect antidote to your big Thanksgiving dinner, this family-friendly, 3-mile, walk-jog-run-bike-ski is quickly becoming a Chesterfield community tradition. *FREE*.

Saturday, November 15 | 10AM – 1PM
Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Sale

NOTCHVIEW RECREATION WINDSOR
 813.634.0188

Outfit the family with good used ski equipment or find a bargain for yourself. Consignments accepted. Sponsored by Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club. *FREE* admittance.

Saturday, December 6 | 8AM – 4:30PM
Ski Season Starts at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW RECREATION WINDSOR
 813.634.0188

It's opening day at Notchview! Last year's heavy snows gave us 118 days of pure skiing bliss, so don't miss out on another season on our 40 kilometers of trails. Call or visit www.xcskimass.com for trail conditions.

Members: Adult \$5; Child \$1.50.

Nonmembers: Adult \$10; Child \$3.

Saturday, December 13 | 12NOON – 3PM
Notchview Christmas Tree Sale

NOTCHVIEW RECREATION WINDSOR
 813.634.0148

Looking for the perfect Christmas tree this holiday season? Check out the great variety offered at this annual tree sale – including the popular Fraser fir. Great shapes, all sizes! Call ahead to check on availability. *All trees \$25*.

Saturday, December 20 | 9:30AM
Berkshire Trails Ski Race (Criterion Format)

NOTCHVIEW RECREATION WINDSOR
 813.634.0148

Here's the catch: the leader's pace determines the number of laps you have to ski! Open to all; classical technique. *Members and Berkshire Trails members: \$10. Dual membership: FREE.*

Nonmembers: \$20.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
 Volunteer at the following events:

Sunday, September 20 | 9AM – 12NOON
Invasive Plant Recon

ASHFELD WAMPANUSETT 413.512.1631 X13

Join members of the Ashfield Committee as they target invasive plants that are spreading through this beautiful hillside reservation. Some bushwhacking involved. *FREE*.

Saturday, October 4 | 9AM – 12NOON
Vegetation and Property Stewardship

MINOR'S FOOTPRINTS RESERVATION
 WINDSOR 413.532.1631 X11

Come out and enjoy a few hours of community action to benefit our fine fossils. Remove invasive plants, collect trash, or just help with general site beautification. *Rain cancels. FREE.* Please pre-register.

Saturday, October 4, October 25
 9AM – 11NOON
Notchview Trails Workdays

NOTCHVIEW RECREATION WINDSOR
 813.634.0148

Help get Notchview's trails ready for a busy winter of skiing. On October 25, we'll be joined by members of the Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club. Wear boots and bring gloves and water. Please bring loppers, shovel, etc., if you have them. *FREE. Please pre-register.*



CENTRAL REGION

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM – 2PM
Green Building Open House

DOYLE CONSERVATION CENTER, LEOMINSTER
 978.840.4446 X1913

Join us for a tour of one of the region's only Gold LEED-certified green buildings. Learn about photovoltaic electricity, geothermal heating and cooling, composting toilets – and more! *FREE*.

Saturday, November 1 | 5:30PM Cocktails;
 6:30PM Silent Auction Dinner
14th Annual Rock House Dinner and Auction

TERESA'S RESTAURANT WARE 978.840.4446 X1913

Gather with friends of the Rock House for a fabulous dinner, then bid on prized items donated by local artisans and businesses. Proceeds benefit Rock House Reservation. Please call the telephone number above for ticket information or to donate an auction item.

Saturday, November 8 | 10AM – 12NOON
"Give it a rest, will ya!" – Putting our Garden to Bed

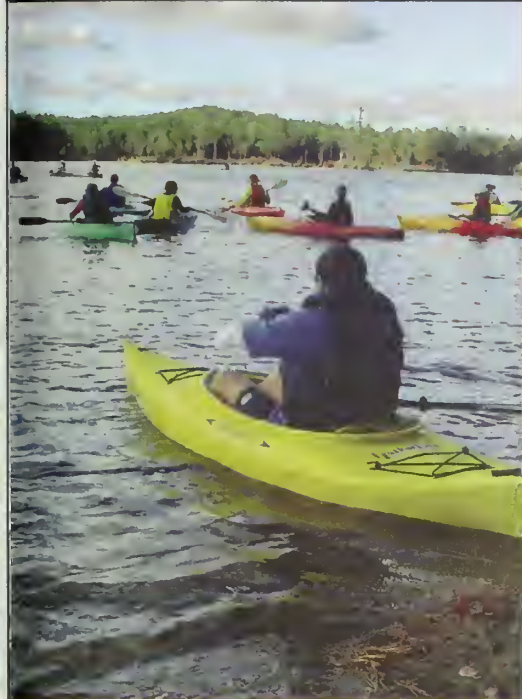
DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER
 978.840.4446 X1900

Help prepare the Doyle vegetable garden for its long winter's nap. You'll take home tips and techniques for your own garden to ensure a healthy and fertile "spring awakening." Refreshments provided. *FREE*.

Saturday, November 22 | 10AM – 12NOON
Meet and Greet: The Trees of the Doyle Estate

DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER
 978.840.4446 X1900

Join an expert forester for this guided tour of Doyle Reservation and Pierce Park. You will be introduced to the more than 50 species of trees that call the property home. *FREE*.



Saturday, October 18 | 10AM

Tully Lake Triathlon

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND,
ROYALSTON 978.249.4957

Race your way into fall at beautiful Tully Lake Campground during our second-annual Tully Lake Triathlon; a 5-mile paddle, 4.5-mile run, and a 7.5-mile mountain bike race that's sure to leave you breathless! Visit www.thetrustees.org/tullytriathlon for registration information and call the campground to make reservations if you are camping. Volunteers needed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer at the following events:

Saturday, October 25 | 10AM – 2PM

For Your Planting Pleasure, Naturally!

Pierce Park, Doyle Reservation, Leominster
978.840.4446 x1900

Join us for a planting party as we continue to “naturalize” the meadows of Pierce Park. We hope to plant 2,000 – 2,500 narcissus and daffodil bulbs. Refreshments provided. *FREE.*

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THE OLD MANSE 269 MONUMENT AVENUE
CONCORD 978.369.3909

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By special appointment: Please call ahead.

The Graffiti in the Garret Tour

THE OLD MANSE 269 MONUMENT AVENUE
CONCORD 978.369.3909

Experience the house the way few have in contemporary times. Those attending this very special tour through five rooms and up the backstairs will scrutinize rarely seen Hawthorne wall writings and more. *Members/Nonmembers: Adult \$12; Senior/Student \$10; Child \$8.*

By special appointment: Please call ahead.

Attic, House, and Landscape Tour

THE OLD MANSE 269 MONUMENT AVENUE
CONCORD 978.369.3909

Tour the Manse inside and out and experience the 18th-century ambience of the home where generations of writers and artists lived. *Members/Nonmembers: Adult \$17; Senior/Student \$15; Child \$10.*

Throughout the year

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THE OLD MANSE 269 MONUMENT AVENUE
CONCORD 978.369.3909

Rewriting curricula? Looking for challenging ways to engage students? Call ahead and arrange a tour specially themed for your history, literature, or art discipline. \$15.

Sundays, September 14 & 21 | 2 – 4PM

Music at the Manse Concert Series

THE OLD MANSE 269 MONUMENT AVENUE
CONCORD 978.369.3909

Bring a picnic and enjoy old-fashioned lawn concerts featuring a mix of folk music from different periods and places. *FREE.*

Saturday, September 20 | 10AM – 2PM

Fall Harvest Festival & Perennial Divide

CONCORD CITY NATURAL RESERVE 10 DOVER WATER DRIVE MATTAPOIQUET SQUARE 01742-1010

Divide your crowded perennials and bring pre-divided plants to the free plant swap. Master Urban Gardener volunteers will answer plant care questions. Purchase fresh, local produce and native plants. Enjoy live music, a guided tour of the Learning Garden, and children's activities. *FREE.* For more information, call BNAN at the above telephone number or visit www.bostonnatural.org

Saturday, September 20 | 12NOON – 1PM

Beekeeping: Honey Harvest

CONCORD CITY NATURAL RESERVE 10 DOVER WATER DRIVE MATTAPOIQUET SQUARE 01742-1010

(During Harvest Festival and Perennial Divide) Join beekeeper Mike Graney to learn about the end of the beekeeper's season, the harvest, and the uses of honey. *FREE.*

Saturday, September 20 | 10AM – 12NOON;
1 – 3PM

Bird Park GPS Workshop

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK 100 VIOLETS DRIVE WILMINGTON 01897-0001

Join us for a beginner-level workshop on how to use Global Positioning Systems (GPS), with Bird Park as your outdoor classroom. GPS receivers provided through a partnership with Eastern Mountain Sports. *FREE.* Please pre-register.

Saturday, September 27 | 9 – 11AM

Autumn Planting and Season Extension

WINNAP CITY NATURAL RESERVE 10 DOVER WATER DRIVE MATTAPOIQUET SQUARE 01742-1010

Horticulturist Jeremy Dick will demonstrate the planting of a variety of ornamental and edible plants and show you how to improve your chances of late-season success. *FREE.*

Saturday – Sunday, September 27 – 28;

October & November

“Summer in the Valley”

Photo Gallery

WOCKY WOODS MEMORIAL MEDFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY 100 DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Amateur photographers fanned out across our Charles River reservations and took some amazing images for our annual summer contest. Come see the winners. Gallery opening at the Rocky Woods Visitor Center before moving to the Medfield Library for October, then to the Dover Library for November. *FREE.*

Wednesday – Sunday, October 1 – 5
9AM – 1PM; 2:30 – 3:30PM

Charles River Canoe Tours

CEDAR RIVER, MILLIS 508.785.0339

Discover the Charles on these guided trips and enjoy other Trustees properties linked by this meandering river. Trip size limited.

Canoes provided. *Members: Adult \$30;*

Child (15 and under) \$20. Nonmembers: Adult \$40;

Child (15 and under) \$30. Please pre-register.

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM – 2PM

Foliage Paddle on the Charles

CHARLES RIVER, MEDFIELD

Explore one of the loveliest stretches of the Charles where it's protected by The Trustees and other stewards. We'll also enjoy a short, guided hike to King Philip's Lookout at Rocky Narrows. BYO lunch. Limited to 12 kayaks / canoes (please bring your own boat and portable flotation device [PFD]). *FREE. Please pre-register by emailing acostello84@comcast.net.*

Saturday, October 4 | 11AM – 12:30PM

Composting in the Small Vegetable Plot

BNAN CITY NATIVES NURSERY, 30 EDGEWATER DRIVE, MATTAPAN SQUARE 617.542.7696

Have a small composting plot? This informative session will talk about sheet composting, passive composting, and how to turn leftover vegetable plant material into "black gold." *FREE.*

Sundays, October 5, November 2, December 7
8:30 – 10AM

Green Dogs Hound Hike

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339

Green Dogs and non-permit holders alike can explore Rocky Woods with their companions on a guided hike. Learn more about Green Dogs at www.thetrustees.org. (Volunteers needed!) *FREE.*

Saturday, October 11 | 10AM – 6PM

Fall Festival at the Old Manse

THE OLD MANSE, 269 MONUMENT AVENUE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Come and enjoy this traditional October fair amid the same spectacular scenery that inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to write his famous essay, "Nature." Experience period arts and crafts, listen to music, and visit farm animals. *FREE.*

Saturday, October 18 | 10 – 11:30AM

Worm Bin Composting at Home

BNAN CITY NATIVES NURSERY, 30 EDGEWATER DRIVE, MATTAPAN SQUARE 617.542.7696

At this hands-on workshop, you'll learn what materials you need to set up a worm composting bin, what can be composted, and how to care for the worms. Bins provided.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$20. Please pre-register. Contact BNAN at the above telephone number or visit info@bostonnatural.org.

Saturday, October 18 | 5:30PM

(RAIN DATE: Sunday, October 19)

Seventh Annual Pumpkin Float

POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK, GALLIVAN BEACH ENTRANCE, DORCHESTER 617.542.7696

Bring your 6"– 8" carved pumpkin and watch it illuminate Davenport Creek with other spooky jack o' lanterns. Candles and floats provided. Please pre-register by calling BNAN at the above telephone number or by visiting info@bostonnatural.org. *FREE.*

Sundays, October 26, November 23,

December 28 | 1 – 3PM

Hike of the Month Club

CHARLES RIVER VALLEY 508.785.0339

Join a ranger and explore a new trail, uncover historic facts, and meet other hikers. Call for locations. Volunteers welcome. *FREE.*

Wednesday – Friday, October 29 – 31

Hauntings at 6, 7 & 8PM

The Old Manse Haunted Attic Tour

THE OLD MANSE, 269 MONUMENT AVENUE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote about ghosts at the Old Manse, somewhere...upstairs. Here's the chance to find out for yourself! *Suitable for children age 6+. Adult \$12; Senior/Student \$10; Child \$8.*

Saturday, November 8 | 10 – 11:30AM

As Days Get Shorter

CEDAR RIVER, MILLIS 508.785.0339

On this guided hike at one of our newest reservations, we'll explore the riverside loop trail and find out how plants and animals begin to adjust to the coming cold. We'll be rewarded with hot beverages. *Members: \$3. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Saturday, December 6 | 4 – 5:30PM

(RAIN/SNOW DATE: Sunday, December 7)

Winter Lights Along the Greenway: An Evening of Luminarias and Song

EAST BOSTON GREENWAY SOUTH BREMEN AND MARGINAL STREETS 617.542.7696

Enjoy the illuminated Greenway, a holiday sing-along, and musical performances. Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. *FREE.*

100 SPECIAL PLACES



Saturday, October 18 | 1 – 3PM

Cormier Woods Grand Opening

CORMIER WOODS, UXBRIDGE 508.785.0339

Celebrate the opening of The Trustees' 100th reservation with music and food.

Explore the fields and trails of this largely intact 18th-century homestead farm. *FREE.*

Can't make it out to Uxbridge? We're celebrating our 100 reservations all month long at a property near you. Check the poster insert for details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer at the following events.

Sundays, October 5, November 2, December 7
8:30 – 10AM

Green Dogs Hound Hike

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508 785 0339

We're looking for volunteers to help out on this guided hike for both Green Dogs and non-permit holders. Mix and mingle with other Green Dogs or learn more about joining the program. Find more about Green Dogs at www.thetrustees.org. *FREE.*

Saturday, October 4 | 12NOON – 3PM

The Great Volunteer Picnic

ROCKY WOODS MEDFIELD 508 785 0339

Volunteers contributed more than 1500 hours in the past year in the Charles River Valley! Celebrate this accomplishment with great food and fun times. **ALL** volunteers, past, present – and future – are invited. *FREE.* Please pre-register.



NORTHEAST REGION

HISTORIC HOUSES

For more information, call 978.921.1944 x8815. For group tours (available by appointment only), call 978.921.1944 x4009 or visit our website, www.thetrustees.org, for further information and/or registration. Recommended for children 8 years and older.

Wednesdays – Saturdays, through October 11, and Columbus Day | 10AM – 1PM
(60-MINUTE TOUR)

The Great House at Castle Hill

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult (18+) \$10; Child \$5.

Thursdays and Saturdays, through October 11
10AM (90-MINUTE & 45-MINUTE TOURS)

Castle Hill Landscape Tours

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: \$5.

Sunday, October 5 | 1 – 3PM (ONE-HOUR TOUR)

The Paine House

GREENWOOD FARM, IPSWICH

Recommended for children 8 years and older.
Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$8; Child (17 and under) \$5. Grounds are *FREE*, 8AM – sunset, year-round.

Saturdays and Sundays, through October 12
1 – 3PM (60-MINUTE TOUR)

The Stevens-Coolidge Place

NORTH ANDOVER

Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult (18+) \$8; Child \$5. Grounds are *FREE*; daily, 8AM – sunset.

Sundays, September 14, October 12,
November 9 | 3 – 5PM

Farmstead Tour

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978 921 1944 x8815

On this leisurely guided walk, you'll hear tales about the Appleton family and visit the dairy during milking time – ordinarily closed to the public. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Minimum age is 8 (16 without adult). Please pre-register.

Sunday, September 14 | 1 – 4PM

Crane Quest Fest

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978 921 1944 x8815

This summer children experienced this seaside gem in a totally new way: the SummerQuest day camp. Join us for the inaugural celebration of SummerQuest campers' accomplishments as they lead us on their newly created treasure hunts. *FREE.*

Tuesday, September 16 | 4 – 6PM

Endless Summer: Don't Compost Those Annuals Just Yet!

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978 921 1944 x8815

Learn which annuals can be brought inside to create successful indoor displays. We will demonstrate propagation techniques and topiary training. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Thursdays, September 18, October 2,
November 6, December 4 | 6:30PM

Boston Celebrity Chef Series: Connection with Local Land and Foods

THE INN AT CASTLE HILL, CRANE ESTATE
IPSWICH 978.921.1944 x8815

Savor fresh, seasonal local faire creatively prepared by renowned Boston Chefs such as Marc Orfaly of Pigalle and Marco Suarez of Eastern Standard Kitchen. Cocktails in Tavern at 6PM; Dinner served in the Inn at 7PM.
Prix Fixe menu with wine pairings, \$135 per person. Reservations required.

Six Wednesdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22 or six Thursdays, September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10 – 11:30AM

Farm Fiddleheads

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978 921 1944 x8815

During this six-week program, you and your child will explore the rhythms of Appleton Farms. You'll meet the cows, harvest the fields, wander the woods, and dig in to farm chores. For ages 3 – 5 with an accompanying adult. Members: \$50 for entire series. Nonmembers: \$60 for entire series. Fee includes adult and child. Please pre-register.

Saturdays, September 20, November 9
3 – 4:30PM

Meet the Cows

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978 921 1944 x8815

It's simply moo-velous! Explore the Farmstead buildings and visit with calves and heifers. You'll get to visit the cows in the dairy barn during milking – ordinarily closed to the public. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Sunday, September 21 | 10AM – 3PM

Family Farm Day

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978 921 1944 x8815

Celebrate the arrival of fall and local farm traditions at this family favorite. The zero-trash event includes demonstrations, activities, music, and healthy local foods. Members: \$15/per car. Nonmembers: \$25/per car.

Monday, September 22 | 10:30AM & 1PM
(90-MINUTE TOURS)

Hot & Cold Tour of the Great House

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 x8815

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour from basement to attic (and roof) of the Crane mansion. Having attended a regular house tour is recommended. Please pre-register or visit www.craneestate.org. Members: \$12. Nonmembers: \$15.

Five Tuesdays, September 23, 30;
October 7, 14, 21 | 4 – 5:30PM

Young Farmers

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978 921 1944 x8815

Here's a great opportunity for your child to learn about farming firsthand. During this five-week program, your child will dig in the dirt, compare compost, plant seeds, grow crops, churn butter, spin wool, care for cows, and more! For ages 9 – 11. Members: \$72 entire series. Nonmembers: \$90 entire series. Please pre-register.

ART & ARCHITECTURE AT THE CRANE ESTATE

Exhibition: Paul Manship: A Modern Classicist

THE GREAT HOUSE, CASTLE HILL, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

OPENING RECEPTION: Thursday, September 25 | 5:30PM; 7PM lecture (see below).

Exhibition continues September 26 – December 7 on selected dates and times.

For details, please call 978.356.4351 or visit www.thetrustees.org.

When Richard Crane's spectacular summer home was completed in 1928, employees of the Crane Co. presented him with a pair of sculpted griffins to guard the Great House. Help us celebrate the 80th anniversary of this extraordinary gift by viewing our exhibition about the griffins' renowned American artist, Paul Manship. Manship, prolific in his own time and today best known for his *Prometheus Fountain* at Rockefeller Center, based much of his inventive modern style on archaic and classical art.

Thursdays, September 25, October 16 & November 13

Lecture Series: Celebrating Art Deco

THE GREAT HOUSE, CASTLE HILL, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Members: \$20 per lecture. Nonmembers: \$25. For exhibit opening (see above), cocktail reception and lecture: \$45. Sign up for online and print 10/16. Please pre-register.

Thursday, September 25 | 7PM

Streamlining the Past: The Decorative Art of Paul Manship

Continue the exhibit opening celebration with a talk by exhibition co-curator Rebecca Reynolds on how Manship's style is credited with anticipating the Art Deco aesthetic in American sculpture.

Thursday, October 16 | 7PM

Art Deco New York

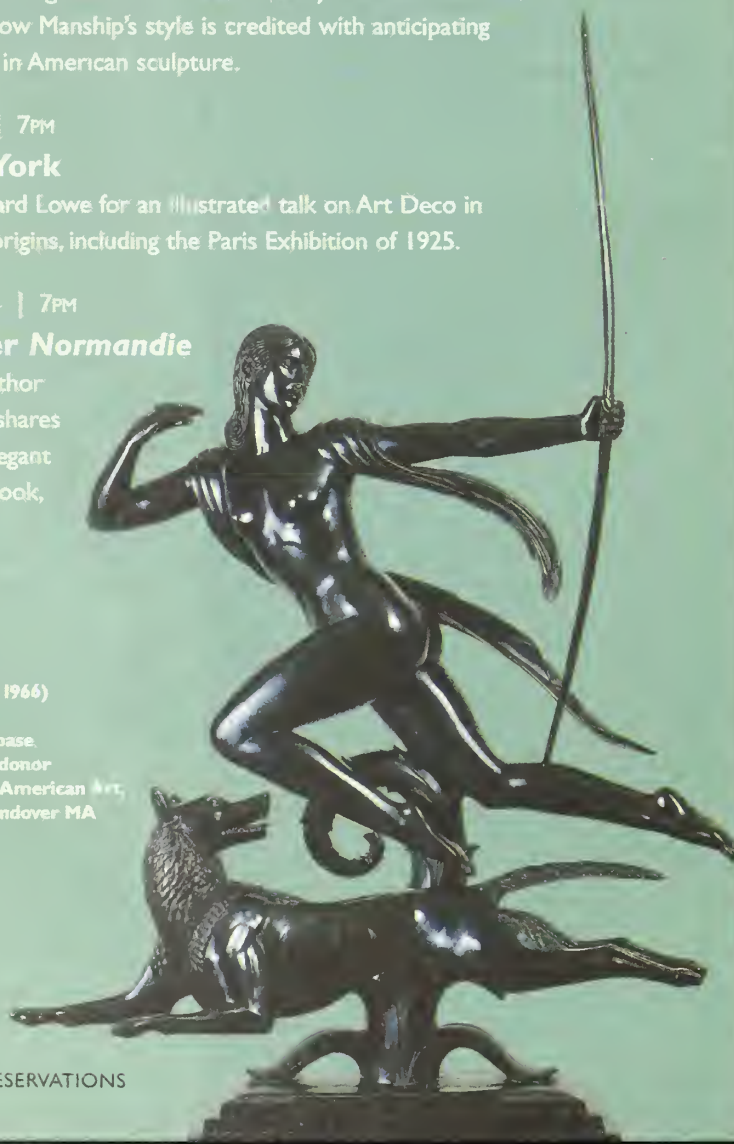
Join author David Garrard Lowe for an illustrated talk on Art Deco in New York City and its origins, including the Paris Exhibition of 1925.

Thursday, November 13 | 7PM

The Ocean Liner Normandie

Popular lecturer and author John Maxtorie-Graham shares intriguing stories and elegant images from his latest book, *Normandie: France's Legendary Art Deco Ocean Liner*.

RIGHT: Paul Manship (1885 – 1966)
Diana, c. 1926
Bronze on marble base
Gift of anonymous donor
Addison Gallery of American Art,
Phillips Academy, Andover MA



Tuesday, September 23 | 3:30 – 5:30PM

Planning your Garden Paradise: Selecting Plants for your Home Landscape

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

We'll show you how to incorporate features from the Sedgwick gardens into your home plots, from introducing native plants to designing privacy hedges. *Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register*

Wednesday, September 24 | 2:30 – 5PM

Great House Tea and Tour

THE GREAT HOUSE AT CASTLE HILL THE CRANE ESTATE IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Enjoy a guided tour (2:30PM) of the Great House, relax over a sumptuous high tea (3:30PM), then stroll the grounds for an enchanting afternoon. *Members: private table \$38; shared table \$30. Nonmembers: private table \$40; shared table \$32. Please pre-register.*

Thursdays, September 25 & October 30
3:30 – 5PM

Preview the Indoor and Outdoor Rooms of the Sedgwick Estate

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Enjoy a rare, in-depth tour of this country estate, which offers wonderful examples of the connection of indoor and outdoor rooms. Includes garden tour and library visit. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$8.*

Saturday & Sunday, September 27 & 28
1 – 3PM

Trails & Sails

THE PAINE HOUSE AT GREENWOOD FARM, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Tour a rare example of a First-Period (1694) saltwater farmhouse that features both original colonial architecture and Colonial Revival elements. *FREE.*

Sunday, September 28 | 1 – 3PM

Monarch Migration

COOLIDGE RESERVATION MANCHESTER-BY-SEA 978.921.1944 X8815

Join us as we bid farewell to the last gathering of monarch butterflies before they head south to Mexico. *Members: \$8. Nonmembers: \$10. Please pre-register.*

Tuesday, September 30 | 3 – 5PM

Make your own Terrarium

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Learn which plants like a mossy, wet environment, then create your very own terrarium. We supply the plants and materials. For children ages 5 and older. *Members: Individual \$10; Family \$15. Nonmembers: Individual \$15; Family \$20. Please pre-register.*

Thursdays in October | 4 – 5:30PM

My Side of the Mountain Afterschool Program

COOLIDGE RESERVATION, MANCHESTER BY
THE-SEA 978.921.1944 X8815

Children will explore the woodlands and hill-
sides of this coastal retreat, and even follow a
stream to its source. *For ages 9 – 11. Members:*
\$45 all sessions. Nonmember: \$55 all sessions.
Please pre-register.

Friday, October 3 | 7 – 9PM

Seaside Stargazing

HALIBUT POINT, ROCKPORT 978.921.1944 X8815

View Juniper, Venus, and fall constellations
through powerful telescopes! *Members: \$8.*
Nonmembers: \$10. Please pre-register.

Saturday, October 4 | 9AM – 12NOON

The Autumn Garden: Pastel Workshop (FOR ALL LEVELS)

LONG HILL BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Discover the joys of this medium with a
visiting artist, apply newly learned techniques
during open drawing in the garden, and finish
with a casual group critique. *Members: \$20.*
Nonmembers: \$25. Please pre-register.

Sunday, October 5 | 1 – 3PM

Heart Healthy Trail Opening!

COOLIDGE RESERVATION, MANCHESTER-BY-
THE-SEA 978.921.1944 X8815

Take a leisurely, guided stroll on our heart-
healthy trail around the Ocean Lawn and
enjoy unparalleled ocean views. *Members: \$8.*
Nonmembers: \$10. Please pre-register.

Sunday, October 5 | 9AM – 1PM

Kayak the Great Marsh

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Enjoy a naturalist-guided paddle through the
Great Marsh and experience life according
to the tides. Bring your own boat, rent one
locally, or call early to reserve a Trustees
boat. *Minimum age 12. Members: \$70 per boat.*
Nonmembers: \$85 per boat. Please pre-register.

Tuesday, October 7 | 3:30 – 5PM

Nature Wreath-making for Children

LONG HILL BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Collect pine cones, leaves, dried flowers, and
twigs to create a decorative wreath for your
fall door display. *For ages 4 and up. Members:*
Individual \$8; Family \$10. Nonmembers: Individual
\$10; Family \$12. Please pre-register.

Saturday, October 11 | 10AM – 2PM

Botanical Field Trip

WARD RESERVATION, ANDOVER
978.921.1944 X8815

Join the New England Wildflower Society on
a guided botanical field trip to Pine Hole Bog
and Holt Hill. Bring lunch and a hand lens if
you have one. *Members: \$32. Nonmembers: \$36.*
Space limited. Please pre-register.

Saturday, October 11 | 1 – 3PM

Forest Frolic

MOUNT ANN PARK GLOUCESTER
978.921.1944 X8815

Enjoy various habitats, including woodlands
and rare species, on a summit hike featuring
splendid coastal views. (Access ordinarily
closed to public.) *Members: \$8.*
Nonmembers: \$10. Please pre-register.

Sundays, October 12, November 9 &

December 14 | 1 – 3PM

Wilds of Cape Ann

978.921.1944 X8815

Explore a different Cape Ann reservation
each month and discover the seasonal
treasures of each! Includes Mount Ann Park,
Ravenswood Park, and Stavros Reservation.
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child:
FREE. Please pre-register.

October 13 | AFTERNOON

Appleton Farms Barn Tour and Fox Hunting History

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Learn how horses played a crucial role in
the farm's history, from working the land to
providing pleasure rides. Then witness history
come alive from Sunset Hill as the Myopia
Hunt rides to the hounds. *Members: \$5.*
Nonmembers: \$8. Please pre-register.

Tuesday, October 14 | 5:30PM

Hunter's Moon Book Club & Potluck Picnic Dinner

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Mingle with community members and farm
staff as we celebrate the Hunter's Moon, enjoy
a potluck dinner, and discuss our fall book club
selection, Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods*.
Naturalist and educator Russ Cohen guides
our discussion on "nature deficit disorder,"
as described in Louv's book. *Please pre-register.*

Sundays, September 21, October 19 &

November 16 | 8 – 10AM

Beginning Birding

HALIBUT POINT, ROCKPORT 978.921.1944 X8815

Learn the basics of birding while enjoying a
stroll about the weather-beaten bluffs – shore-
birding at its best! Meet at parking area. *FREE.*

THE FARM FIELD SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

These guided walks and talks are designed to
introduce you to the many facets of Appleton
Farms, with each walk exploring a different
location and topic. *Members: \$8 per walk.*
Nonmembers: \$10 per walk. Minimum age is 8
(16 without adult). Please pre-register.

Sunday, October 5 | 3 – 5PM

House-to-House Tour

From the Old House to the New House:
Explore the history of Appleton Farms
as you visit old buildings, family memorials,
and sacred spots.

Sunday, October 19 | 1 – 3PM

Farm Forensics

What does the size of stones in a wall tell
you? Are there old-growth woodlands at
Appleton Farms? Learn to read landscape
clues to the property's history.

Sunday, October 26 | 1 – 3PM

Off the Beaten Trails and Tales

Wander woodland trails, stroll the Great
Pasture, and walk Prince of Wales Avenue
as you discover and celebrate trails and
tales of Appleton Farms.



October 1 – 5

Crane Beach Green Dogs Registration

CRANE BEACH, IPSWICH

978.921.1944 X1893

Coming this fall, Crane Beach announces
a new Green Dogs Program beginning
October 1, 2008. For more information
on the Crane Beach Green Dogs Program
and our new leash-free zone, visit us
at www.thetrustees.org. Or, stop by
Crane Beach between October 1 – 5
during our early bird registration period.
Be among the first to make your pooch
a Green Dog.

THE FARM FIELD SCHOOL FOR FAMILIES

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Join our expert educators for these family-friendly fall adventures! *Members: \$8 per session. Nonmembers: \$10 per session. Please pre-register.*

Wednesday, October 15 | 4 – 6PM

Farm Foliage

Walk the roads and trails to discover why and how leaves change color. Then enjoy a snack at the Carriage Barn.

Wednesday, October 29 | 4 – 6PM

October Harvest

Explore our Community Supported Agriculture program fields and discover how we put the fields to bed for the winter. Lend a hand in the final harvest.

THE FARM FIELD SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Spin, churn, weave, hike, dip, and explore! Who knows what your child will find in our afterschool series for kids ages 7 – 9. *Members: \$8 per session. Nonmembers: \$10 per session. Please pre-register.*

Monday, October 20 | 3:30 – 5:30PM

Candle-making at the Farm

Watch our bees as they start settling in for winter and learn how they make their wax. Roll your own beeswax candle to light and warm your way through the short days of winter!

Monday, October 27 | 3:30 – 5:30PM

Celebrate the Harvest

Pick and pop your own popcorn as we celebrate the plentiful harvest from our last season. Make traditional corn dolls from Appleton-grown decorative and popping corn.

Sunday, October 19 | 1 – 4PM

Family Garden Craft Day

LONG HILL BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Create different earth-friendly art crafts inspired by the gardens. Fall- and winter-themed projects for all ages.

Members: Family \$10. Nonmembers: Family: \$12. Please pre-register.

Thursday, November 6 | 3:30 – 5:30PM

Oh Deer! Deer-Resistant Plants and Winter Garden Protection

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Learn the latest techniques for protecting deer favorites and winterizing your garden. *Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, November 15 | 3 – 4:30PM

Ravenswood: From Wilderness to Special Place

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
978.921.1944 X8815

Join us as cultural historian Electa Kane Tritsch shares the story of Ravenswood Park's change from shunned woodland to favorite refuge, and the colorful cast of characters who transformed it. *Gloucester residents and Members: FREE. Please pre-register.*

Tuesday, November 18 | 3 – 4:30PM

Beyond Arborvitae and Yew: The Conifers of Long Hill

LONG HILL BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

Tour the Sedgwick Gardens in winter to discover the importance of strong garden structure. Learn about the property's magnificent conifer collection. *Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, November 22 | 1 – 3PM

Ravenswood Long and Winding Loop

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
978.921.1944 X8815

Get some exercise before settling down for Thanksgiving dinner later in the week on this 4-mile rocky loop through beautiful habitats. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child FREE. Please pre-register.*

Tuesday, December 2 | 5:30 – 7PM

A Holiday Centerpiece Design Workshop

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 X8815

An expert floral designer will show you how to use unusual evergreens, berries, and cones from the Sedgwick gardens to create a lovely centerpiece. All materials supplied. *Members: \$28. Nonmembers: \$35. Please pre-register.*

Friday, December 5 | 4 – 8PM;

Saturday, December 6 | 10AM – 4PM;

Sunday, December 7 | 12NOON – 4PM

Holiday House Tours

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Come "Home for the Holidays" by touring the festively decorated Great House. Music, cider, and fresh-baked cookies add to the holiday magic. *Members: Adult \$8; Child/Senior \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$12; Child/Senior \$8.*



MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW:

Friday, November 7 | 7 – 10PM;

PUBLIC SHOW: Saturday & Sunday,
November 8 & 9 | 10AM – 4PM

Crane Estate Art Show & Sale

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Join us for our annual celebration of art and artists, all inspired by the extraordinary beauty of the North Shore. Friday is our members-only preview night, where you can enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music as you browse and purchase original works of art, including paintings, sculptures, and photographs. Artist prints are also available. On Saturday and Sunday, the public are invited to view and purchase these amazing creations. *Friday night members-only event: \$40 (advance purchase required) Saturday and Sunday: FREE.*

Sunday, December 14 | 3 – 5PM

Holiday Concert at the Great House

CRANE ESTATE IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Celebrate the music of the season! North Shore's Cantemus performs a holiday choral program with brass accompaniment. Holiday refreshments served. *Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25. Please pre-register.*

Wednesday & Thursday, December 17 & 18
3:30 – 5PM

Children's Holiday Party with Santa

CRANE ESTATE IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Bring the kids and enjoy an interactive musical program and holiday crafts led by "The Snowflake Fairy." Refreshments and a special visit with Santa follow. *Member child: \$18. Nonmember child: \$22. Adult accompanying child: FREE. Please pre-register.*

Friday, December 19 | 3:30 – 5PM

The Farm Nisse of Appleton Farms

APPLETON FARMS HAMILTON & IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Join us as we thank our Nisse elf for all our good fortune, offer him porridge, and listen to his tales of mischief. Enjoy holiday crafts, caroling, and socializing. *FREE. Member event. Friends welcome. Please pre-register.*

SOUTHEAST REGION

Fridays, through fall and winter | 9:30AM

Walk World's End

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.6665

Rain, shine, sleet, or snow! Bring a friend along for this walk and experience the beauty of World's End. *FREE.*

Saturdays, through October 25 | 10AM – 2PM

Open Barnyard

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

Family farms are becoming rare on the South Shore. Come see how The Trustees are reactivating one of the last agricultural landscapes in Hingham. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3.*

Saturday, October 11 | 10AM – 12NOON

Fungus Foray

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE
FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Join a mushroom expert and learn to appreciate the delicate beauty of this often-overlooked king of forest life. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

Sunday, October 12 | 1 – 4PM

The North River: Book Signing with John Galluzzo

NORTH RIVER RESERVATION, NORTH DARTMOUTH 508.679.2115

Local author and historian John Galluzzo will read from his new book *The North River*, revealing the history and ecology of this designated Scenic River and Natural Historic Landmark. Book signing follows. *FREE.*

Friday, November 7 | 7 – 9PM

Star Gazing

WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT
508.679.2115

Join the Astronomy Club of Southern New England to explore the mysteries of the night sky above the Westport River. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

SESSION II

Autumn Family Outings

WORLD'S END, WEIR RIVER FARM, NORRIS
RESERVATION, TURKEY HILL 781.740.4796

Connect with your child while they connect to these "special" places. You'll be surprised by the natural wonders waiting at an array of our local properties. *Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55. Please pre-register.*

(AGE 2 – 3) Wednesdays, October 29,
November 5, 12, 19, December 3
10 – 11:30AM

(AGE 4 – 5) Tuesdays, October 28,
November 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 – 11:30AM

Thursday, December 11 | 6:30 – 8PM

Children's Winter Program Registration

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, HINGHAM

Join us to sign up your child for winter sessions of *Ecosplorations* or *Snowflakes*.

For more information on these programs, call 781.740.7233 or visit www.thetrustees.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer at the following events:

Saturday, October 25 | 9AM – 12NOON

Uncovering the Past Volunteer Day

COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

On this archeological dig, we'll explore the 19th-century farm site of the Miller family and learn about the life they led here. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, October 4 | 10AM – 2PM

Weir River Farm Fall Festival

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM
781.740.7233

This year's annual farm celebration will feature artists' work depicting the iconic landscape – in tribute to benefactress/artist, Polly Thayer Starr. Lots of family activities, too! *Members: \$3. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Saturday, November 1 | 9AM – 2PM

Stone Wall Workshop

COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Take an active part in our efforts to protect and restore the 150-year-old stone walls at Copicut Woods. *Members only: FREE. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, November 15 | 9AM – 12NOON

East Over Volunteer Day

EAST OVER RESERVATION, ACQUITTET
508.679.2115

Enjoy a crisp autumn morning at East Over Reservation, helping to rake leaves and prepare the property for winter. Lunch provided. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

Daily, through October 8 | 9AM & 2PM
(2.5-HOUR TOUR)

Cape Poge Natural History Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Your guided oversand vehicle tour includes a stop at the Cape Poge Lighthouse. Climb the spiral staircase for breathtaking views. *Members: Adult \$30; Child (15 and under) \$15. Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child (15 and under) \$18.*

Daily, through October | 8:30AM & 1:30PM
(4-HOUR TOUR)

Fishing Discovery Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Enjoy a guided oversand vehicle trip and develop your fishing skills. We provide tackle and lures; you bring a snack and a sense of adventure! *Members only: Adult \$60; Child (15 and under) \$25.*

Daily, through October | 9AM, 12NOON, & 2PM
(1.5-HOUR TOUR)

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

The guided exploration of the barrier beach makes this tour perfect for families and individuals of all ages. *Members: Adult \$15; Child (15 and under) \$10. Nonmembers: Adult \$25; Child (15 and under) \$12.*

Daily, through October | 9AM & 2PM
(2.5-HOUR TOUR)

Wildlife Canoe/Kayak Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Explore the beauty of the coastal world with your guide by kayak or canoe! *Members: Adult \$30; Child (15 and under) \$15. Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child (15 and under) \$18.*

***For the above Cape Poge events, transportation from the ferry is available if you register in advance.**

Daily, through October | 9:30AM & 1:30PM
(2.5-HOUR TOUR)

Natural History Tour

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

Enjoy an oversand vehicle tour through this inspiring habitat and learn of the human history and natural wonders of Nantucket's largest salt marsh. *Members: Adult \$30; Child (12 and under) \$15. Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child (12 and under) \$15.*

Thursdays – Saturdays, through mid-October
9:30AM & 1:30PM

Fishing Discovery Tour

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

Explore this intriguing coastal environment as you learn the fine points of saltwater fishing on a family-friendly adventure! *Members only: Adult \$65; Child (12 and under) \$20.*



Daily, through October | 1 – 2PM

Open Lighthouse

GREAT POINT LIGHTHOUSE,
COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

Trustees members are invited to climb the Great Point Lighthouse and enjoy the view, while learning about this historic structure. Transportation not provided. *Members only: FREE.*

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Daily, through Columbus Day | 9AM – 5PM
(4- OR 8-HOUR TOURS)

Poucha Pond Discovery Tour

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Reap the benefits of Trustees membership as you paddle through Poucha Pond at your own pace. *Members only: 4 hours for \$25 or 8 hours for \$35 (per canoe or kayak). Special membership offer available.*

Daily, through Columbus Day | 9AM – 5PM
(QUEST DURATION: 3 HOURS)

Cape Poge Quest

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

A remarkable journey awaits as your oversand vehicle carries you across wild coastland on a treasure hunt for the Quest box! *FREE. Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge and Wasque Reservation oversand vehicle permit required. Materials available at Chappaquiddick gatehouses.*

Daily, through October | 9AM – 5PM
(QUEST DURATION: 1.5 HOURS)

Coskata Woods Quest

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

Discover the enchanting Coskata Woods as seen through the eyes of the students of The Nantucket Lighthouse School! *FREE. Coskata-Coatue oversand vehicle permit required to access the Woods by vehicle. Walkers welcome. Materials available at the Wauwinet Gatehouse.*

Daily, through December | sunrise to sunset
(QUEST DURATION: 3 HOURS)

Menemsha Hills Quest

MENEMSHA HILLS RESERVATION, CHILMARK
508.693.7601

Discover the many treasures the reservation offers during a fun, self-guided family treasure hunt. Materials available at Menemsha Hills entrance bulletin board. *FREE.*

REI OUTDOOR SCHOOL

REI Outdoor School classes and outings combine professional instruction with hands-on practice in the field. Now you can learn something new at your favorite Trustees reservation on these special Outdoor School programs. For more information, visit www.thetrustees.org/REI.

Backcountry Cooking

REI Members: \$40; Nonmembers: \$60

Whitney and Thayer Woods –
Participants meet at Hingham REI
November 8 | 9AM – 3PM

Family Hiking with Children (AGES 1–5)

REI Members: \$10 for parent; Nonmembers:
\$30 for parent. Children ages 1–5: FREE

Appleton Farms – Participants meet at
Appleton Farms, Hamilton & Ipswich
September 10 | 10AM – 12NOON
October 8 | 10AM – 12NOON

Introduction to Composition and Technique

REI Members: \$50; Nonmembers: \$70

Appleton Farms – Participants meet at
Appleton Farms, Hamilton & Ipswich
September 13 | 9AM – 3PM

World's End – Participants meet
at World's End, Hingham
October 18 | 9AM – 3PM

Introduction to Map and Compass

REI Members: \$55; Nonmembers: \$75

Rocky Woods – Participants meet
at Framingham REI
October 26 | 10AM – 4PM
November 8 | 9AM – 3PM

Whitney and Thayer Woods –
Participants meet at Boston REI
December 6 | 9AM – 3PM

Introduction to GPS Navigation

REI Members: \$45; Nonmembers: \$65

Peaked Mountain – Participants meet
at Peaked Mountain, Monson
September 27 | 9AM – 3PM

Introduction to Mountain Biking

REI Members: \$55; Nonmembers: \$75

Whitney and Thayer Woods –
Participants meet at Hingham REI
September 14 | 10AM – 4PM

Rocky Woods – Participants meet
at Rocky Woods, Medfield
October 4 | 9AM – 3PM

Rocky Woods – Participants meet
at Framingham REI
November 1 | 9AM – 3PM

Kayaking: Level 1

REI Members: \$95; Nonmembers: \$105

Charles River Peninsula –
Participants meet at Framingham REI
September 21 & October 11
9AM – 3PM

World's End – Participants meet
at World's End, Hingham
September 13 | 9AM – 3PM

Kayaking: Level 2

REI Members: \$95; Nonmembers: \$115

Crane Wildlife Refuge –
Participants meet at Reading REI
September 7 | 10AM – 4PM



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FALL ESCAPES

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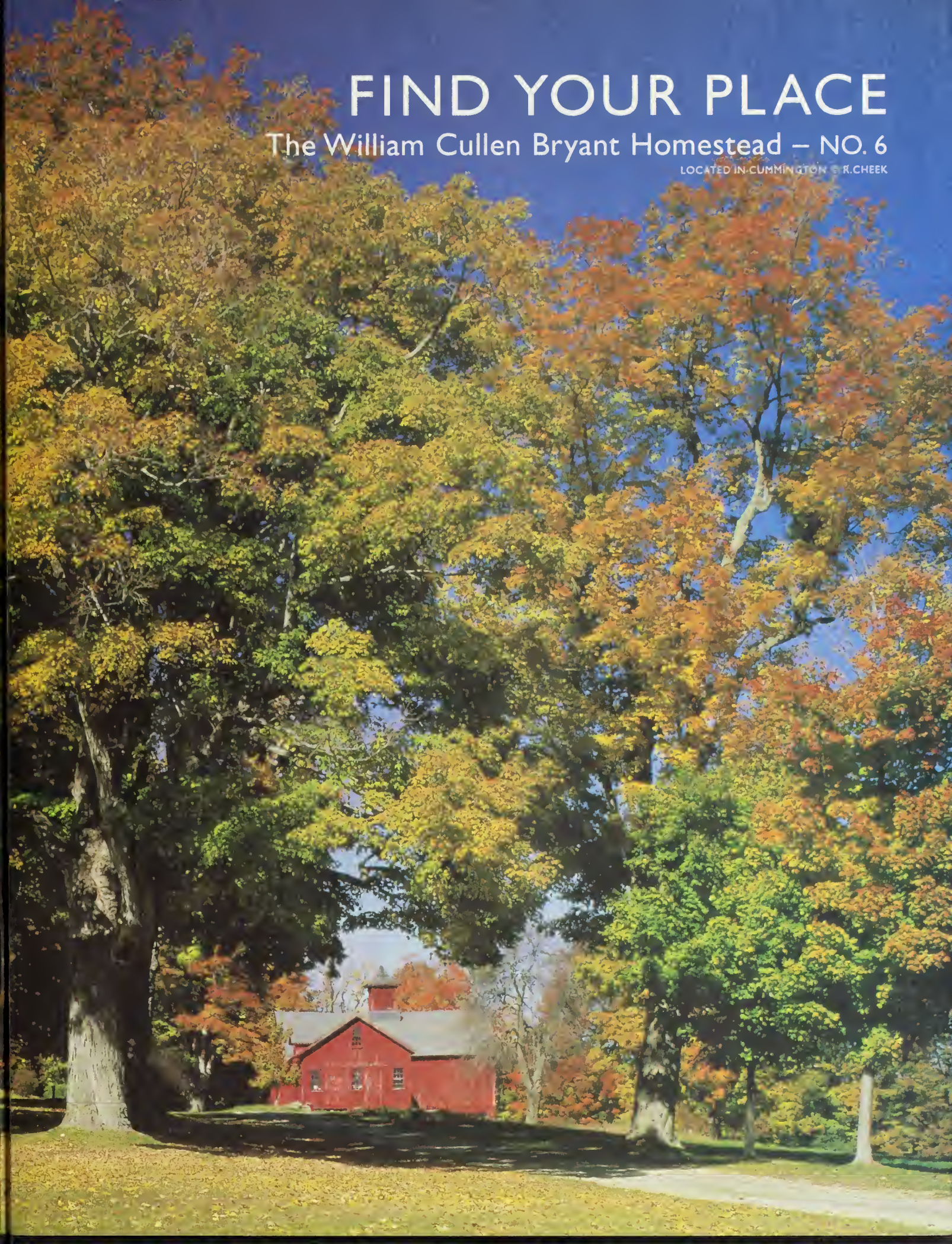
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